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Save Bristol Bay Newsletter

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Bristol Bay in the News April 2, 2013

Pebble CEO John Shively made deeply controversial remarks in Seattle on March 20 while speaking to the Northwest Fisheries Association. A video clip shows him talking about the mine's potential to "do in" the salmon economy: "Will I stand here and say there will be zero problems with the mine? No. I'm not going to stand here and say that ocean acidification may not do in the salmon industry long before we do."

A group of veteran wildlife managers and biologists with deep Alaska experience sent a letter to President Obama urging him to conserve Bristol Bay, "one of the world's most productive ecosystems," and to support the Environmental Protection Agency's science-based Assessment of the region.

An excerpt from the letter reads: "Now it's time to do whatever is necessary to restrict the development of potentially harmful mines like the proposed Pebble mine from destroying the unique and incredible environmental and economic values of the Bristol Bay watershed. Please take timely action to give Bristol Bay the protection it needs from mining and other large-scale developments."

And, an opinion piece in the Bristol Bay Times describes why there's a serious effort underway in Alaska to fight back in a war on salmon and their habitat. It underscores the need for federal help in getting it right in Bristol Bay and elsewhere before Alaska repeats the mistakes that doomed most salmon in the Lower 48.

Here's an excerpt: "Yet right now, it's perfectly legal for the State of Alaska to issue a permit to a company to mine completely through a wild salmon stream. We're not talking about placer mining or suction dredging here; we're talking about bank-to-bank coal strip mining, down hundreds of feet. To make matters worse, the State refuses to provide Alaskans with a public notice about this type of habitat destruction, leaving us little opportunity to comment. So, as things currently stand, the State can issue permits to destroy sustainable salmon habitat and Alaskans are kept in the dark."

For more information, visit savebristolbay.org

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Pebble Mine Criticized by Biologists & Wildlife Managers

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Wildlife managers, natural resource biologists and administrators – all with extensive Alaskan experience – have united to urge President Obama to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay region from the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble CEO John Shively won't promise zero problems with the mine

Video Clip

March 20 Northwest Fisheries Association meeting

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Bristol Bay fishermen work to raise bar on salmon quality

Alaska Dispatch

Izetta Chambers

Having grown up in a fishing family in Bristol Bay, I have watched and taken part in the slow and sometimes painful journey to improve salmon quality. When I was little, I remember how fishermen used pews -- essentially pointed stakes -- to stab the fish in the head or belly and fling them into a delivery truck... [Click here to read more](#)

Robert Redford: Pebble Mine Gouging Will Harm Environment, Salmon Rivers

News Max

Alexandra Ward

Robert Redford has been crusading to stop the Pebble Mine since 2010, which he said will harm the environment and salmon rivers. Now the actor is pleading with his supporters to join him in fighting the "worst corporate attack on America's natural heritage that no one's ever heard of"... [Click here to read more](#)

OPINION: Salmon habitat protection essential

Bristol Bay Times

Bejamin Jackinsky

Alaska salmon runs are increasingly threatened. Loss of habitat, poor management and uncertain food supplies are but a few reasons. Some of these things are within our control. Some are not... [Click here to read more](#)

OPINION: Clark's Point council supports plan to restore Bristol Bay balance

Bristol Bay Times

Betty Gardiner

As the April 4 comment deadline approaches for the State Department of Natural Resources' Bristol Bay Area Plan (BBAP) revision process, we at Clark's Point Tribal Council have passed a resolution to support a document called the Citizen's Alternative Bristol Bay Area Plan (CABBAP)... [Click here to read more](#)

Leave Bristol Bay alone

Spokesman Review

Bernadine Van Thiel

The "Save Bristol Bay" letter (March 16) inspired me to further clarify this horrendous plan to dig an open pit mine three miles wide and deep as the Empire State Building is tall in the pristine wilderness of the Bristol Bay watershed... [Click here to read more](#)

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